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Soil and Water Conservation Society



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This is the last Chapter newsletter

From now on, news will be shared using our new blog

by Ann Lewandowski

Information previously shared in this newsletter will now appear in the Chapter's blog at <http://mnconservationblogger.blogspot.com/>. Items will be archived there for easy access. When new items are posted (about once every month or two), I'll send an email notice to our list. However, if you are receiving this newsletter in the mail, **we do not have a current email address for you**. To continue receiving Chapter news, please update your email with SWCS by going to <http://www.swcs.org/>, and clicking on "Members Only". Or send me your email address at alewand@umn.edu. Here are the current blog postings:

Would you be a chapter delegate at the SWCS conference in St. Louis?

The MN SWCS Chapter needs to designate a delegate and alternate to attend, and be eligible to vote, at the national House of Delegates session at the 2010 SWCS Annual Conference in St. Louis. If you are able to attend please contact Russell Kleinschmidt (rkleinschmidt700@excite.com) by April 23rd.

The 2010 House of Delegates session followed by State of the Society meeting is set for Sunday, July 18th 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in St. Louis, Missouri. Like last year, both the session and meeting are back to back and are open to all SWCS conference attendees. The State of the Society meeting will provide conference attendees the opportunity to share their views with the SWCS Board of Directors on the following topic:

Energy, water, and global climate change will drive research and environmental programs over the next century. This will largely determine what we hand off to our sons and daughters. We are heading into a time period that is comparable in significance to the Great Dust Bowl. What do you believe the appropriate role for the Society is with respect to these issues?

The purpose of the House of Delegates is to advise the Board on natural resource issues and matters affecting chapters. If you wish to put forward a formal resolution, please submit it to Sue Ann Lynes on or before April 28th (see below.) Only formal written resolutions will be addressed during the House of Delegates session; and if resolutions are presented, only official chapter delegates will be allowed to vote. If we receive no formal resolutions, we will go directly to the State of Society Town Hall meeting.

SWCS Annual Meeting

St. Louis, Missouri

July 18 to July 21, 2010

For more information: <http://www.swcs.org/>.

Larson-Allmaras Lecture – April 14th

The MN SWCS Chapter is one of the sponsors of this year's Larson-Allmaras Lecture on Emerging Issues in Soil and Water to be held on Wednesday 14th April 2010, 2:00-4:30, in 335 Borlaug Hall on the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus. The theme of the lecture will be "Tending the Land of Our Grandchildren". The featured speaker will be Dr. Henry Janzen, Research Scientist in Soil Biochemistry with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at Lethbridge, Alberta, CANADA. Henry has studied the flows of carbon and nitrogen in agricultural ecosystems, especially their links to global cycles and long-term changes in the biosphere. He has been active in various national and international ventures, including assignments with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Please mark your calendar for the lecture event. For more information, visit the UMN Department of Soil, Water, and Climate.

MN SWCS Annual Training Meeting – May 4th

"Native Pollinators on the Farm" is the topic of our chapter's annual training and business meeting. It will be Tuesday, May 4th, 2010, 8:30-2:00 at the Cabela's in Rogers, Minnesota. Lunch is provided. Register by April 20th to take advantage of the lower fee.

In the morning, Eric Mader from the Xerces Society will teach us about conservation of native pollinators in the context of Farm Bill programs. He will provide practical information about pollinator biology, trends and economics of insect pollination, recognizing native bee species, assessment of pollinator habitat, and approaches to increasing and enhancing pollinator diversity on the land.

The luncheon speaker will give us an update on the state's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment. Our annual business meeting will be held after lunch.

Don't miss this opportunity to network with other conservation professionals, contribute to the management of your MN SWCS, and learn about native pollinator management and the Legacy Amendment.

More details and registration information are on the Chapter Website (<http://minnesotaswcs.org>).

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newsletter. Update your
email address to continue
receiving timely news.
(See inside for more
information.)**